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SUBJ: Somali Ambassador Calls on Asst. Sec. Newsom

1. Somali Ambassador Addou ~~xxxx~~ called on Asst. Sec. Newsom December 23 prior to his departure December 28 or 29 for Mogadiscio for consultations. Addou said one of major reasons for returning was to attempt to persuade General Siad to stop Somali flag vessels from trading with North Vietnam and Cuba. He said Somalia receives little of value from this traffic and monetary gain is not comparable to former US aid program. Addou believes many GSDR officials are convinced termination of aid was predetermined USG policy and shipping problem was only excuse to stop aid. Addou is under no illusions about difficulty of his task. He specifically asked, however, what aid could USG provide if shipping problem was resolved.

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2. Newsom briefly reviewed history of US-Somali aid relations, noting that even before change of Somali government, our bilateral aid program was ^{tentatively} scheduled to end after FY 1972. Newsom added that it was not possible to make any promises or specific predictions. At same time, if Somali flag shipping to North Vietnam and Cuba is terminated, USG might be able to go forward with x certain regional and multidonor projects and self-help assistance which is now prohibited by application of Section 620(n). Newsom added we will try to do all we can to let GSDR know of our desire for good relations, but said it is not possible to go beyond that statement.

3. When asked if he was still planning to visit Somalia in near future, Newsom responded that he would probably not be able to make another African trip during first 3 months of 1971. He added, however, that Somalia has not been dropped from list and he was hopeful,

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depending on circumstances at time, to make trip
after end of March if it will improve relations with
Somalia.

4. Newsom concluded cordial discussion by asking
Addou to convey to his government desire of USG for
friendly relations.

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